

MINUTES  
OF THE  
Tishomingo Baptist  
Association



HELD WITH  
Belmont Baptist Church  
OCTOBER 9 AND 10  
1923

**OFFICERS**

W. O. Stockton, Moderator .....	Belmont, Miss.
C. D. Adams, Clerk .....	Iuka, Miss.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Belmont .....	R. L. Elledge
Bethlehem .....	W. O. Gray
Burnsville .....	J. E. Finger
Cotton Springs .....	J. J. Perry
Cross Roads .....	W. A. Barnett
East Port .....	A. H. Bacon
Forked Oak .....	Chas. H. Henderson
Golden .....	C. W. Long
Highland .....	J. R. Bickerstoff
Iuka .....	J. J. Whitten
Jackson's Camp .....	D. A. Trim
Mt. Moriah .....	J. C. Linton
Mt. Vernon .....	D. H. Selby
New Liberty .....	J. W. Marlow
New Prospect .....	J. D. Fairless
New Salem .....	D. C. Locke
Paden .....	W. S. Stephens
Red Bud .....	B. D. Waddell
Tishomingo .....	J. B. McRae
Union .....	Lawrence Cain

**NEXT MEETING**

Highland, Tuesday after first Sunday in October 1924.  
at the Baptist Colleges in Mississippi, Blue Mountain Female  
College, Blue Mountain, Miss., Clark Memorial College, New-  
ton, Miss., Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., Mississippi Wo-  
man's College, Hattiesburg, Miss.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Call for correspondents.
2. Appointment of committees.
3. Call for reports.
4. Selection of time and place of next meeting.
5. Resolutions and miscellaneous business.

## MINUTES OF THE TISHOMINGO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

### FIRST DAY—10 A. M.

Song—"There is Much That Must Be Done."

Association called to order by Bro. W. O. Stockton, Moderator.

Devotional—Rev. J. O. Gunthrop, reading third chapter Matthew and prayer.

Rev. A. M. Nix welcomed the Association to his church in a happy, Christian manner.

Report of Program Committee made and report adopted.

The following visitors from other associations were recognized and welcomed: Rev. L. J. Covington, J. A. Gray, Alcorn; Rev. J. F. Benson, Rev. A. J. Darling, S. T. Graham, Itawamba; Rev. J. R. Hewlett, Tallahatchie, and Rev. W. H. Hamilton, Big Bear Creek.

Petitionary letters from Forked Oak and Red Bud churches read and these churches received and delegates seated. The Moderator appointed A. M. Chook and Guy Bickerstoff reading clerks, and J. D. Fairless, T. H. Dean and W. P. Gray as Financial Committee.

Reports of churches called, for and following reported: Belmont, Bethlehem, Burnsville, Cotton Springs, East Port, Forrest Oak, Golden, Highland, Iuka, Jackson's Camp, Mt. Vernon, New Liberty, New Prospect, Paden, Red Bud, Tishomingo and Union.

11 a. m.—Song, "By Grace are Ye Saved."

Sermon—Rev. W. M. Fore. Scripture lesson, Romans 3:19-31. Text, Romans 12:1. Bro. Fore made a masterful presentation of his subject, pleading in words of logical simplicity for more devoted and consecrated lives as expressed so beautifully and forcibly in the text.

Prayer—Bro. Hewlett. Dismissed by Bro. Gunthrop.

1:15 p. m.—Song, "The Lord Raised Me."

The Moderator appointed J. R. Bickerstoff, D. A. Dugger and P. Yarber as Committee on Committees, and A. G. W. Byram, R. L. Elledge, C. L. Hicke and J. L. Hodges as Devotional Committee.

Election of officers—W. O. Stockton and C. D. Adams were unanimously re-elected as Moderator and Clerk, respectively.

Devotional Committee reported and report adopted.

Report on Social Service read by Mrs. C. D. Adams. This report ably discussed by Brother Hewlett, Covington, Benson, Fore and Anderson. Report adopted.

Adjourned at 4 p. m.

7:30 p. m.—Sermon, Rev. J. R. G. Hewlett. Scripture, Psalms 24—speaking from Ps. 24:1 and 1st Cor. 10:26. Bro. Hewlett gave God's plan of financing the Kingdom. He explained the institution of the tithe under grace 500 years before the Law, the tithe under the Law and the continuation of the tithe under grace after the fulfillment of the Law by Jesus. Bro. Hewlett's sermon was logical, simple and scriptural. This sermon was greatly appreciated by the entire association as were the several talks made by Bro. Hewlett on the different subject up for discussion.

## SECOND DAY

9:30 a. m.—Song, "I Want to Be a Worker."

Devotional, Bro. Darling, reading 87th Ps.

Prayer—Bro. Fore and Bro. Graham.

A letter of greeting from Rev. J. G. Chastain, missionary among the Fla. Indians, was read by the Clerk. A special prayer for Bro. Chastain and family was offered by Bro. Nix and the Clerk was instructed to write him a letter of thanks and appreciation.

Report of Committee on Education, read by Mrs. D. B. Delp. After discussion by Bro. Hewlett report adopted as read.

11 a. m.—Song, "In The Sweet Bye and Bye."

Sermon—Rev. J. F. Benson. Speaking from Hebrew 6, the patriarch of the Itawamba Association made a fervent prayer for repentance from sin and a renewal of faith in God.

12:15 p. m.—Dismissal, by Bro. Nix.

1 p. m.—Song, "Blessed Assurance."

Report of Committee on Mission, read by Bro. Fore. Report discussed by Bro. Nix, Bro. Fore and Bro. Hewlett. Report adopted.

Report of Executive Board read by Bro. Elledge. Comment made on work of this board by Bro. Elledge and Darling.

On motion the Covenant of this Association was amended by adding Art. 13, giving pastors strong churches in this Association full powers of delegates.

Bro. A. M. Nix was elected as member of State Board and Bro. W. M. Fore was elected as delegate to represent this Association at the Southern Baptist Convention.



Committee on Time and Place reported and report accepted.  
Committee on Nominations reported and report accepted.  
Finance Committee reported and this report accepted.

— Statistical Committee reported and report adopted.

Report of Committee on Obituaries read by Mrs. Willa Carmack.

Mrs. Carmack, leader of the W. M. A., made an interesting report of the activities of the woman's work in the Association. The following Resolutions read and adopted: by Bro. Nix:

Whereas, The wisdom of a united effort on the part of the Southern Baptist has been so clearly demonstrated during the past four years, as evidenced by the unprecedented progress which has been made in Kingdom work, and

Whereas, our people have seen the wisdom of budgeting the work of the denomination so as to provide regularly and adequately for all worthy causes, and

Whereas, We have seen the value of a worthy financial objective or goal in our plan to raise 75 million dollars in five years, and

Whereas, We have seen the need for canvassing the churches annually in order to enlist the new converts who are coming in every year and of re-enlisting those who drop during the year, and

Whereas, we have been more thoroughly impressed with the need of regular and systematic giving all through the year and

Whereas, we, as a denomination, must continue to go forward; and to go forward we must look ahead and plan ahead;

Be it, therefore, resolved, That we the..... Baptist Association in annual convention assembled, signify our approval of:—

1. A united south-wide movement following the close of the 75 Million Campaign to raise funds with which to carry on our mission, social service, and educational work.

2. A budget for all mission, social service, and educational work: same to be divided and distributed on a percentage basis in proportion to the relative needs and merits of the various causes fostered by the denomination.

3. A five year financial objective, same to be not less than \$75,000,000.00 for the five years—the amount to be determined by the sum total of the conservative claims of the

various causes, after each shall have made a careful survey of its needs and future plans.

4. An annual appeal for pledges which will insure thorough canvass of all the members of all the churches one a year.

5. A united effort for teaching Stewardship and Budget Plan for denominational and local work of the Baptist Churches of our State.

6. An ample period of time to insure thorough preparation for the program which shall follow the 75 Million Campaign.

By Bro. Fore: Be it resolved, That we, the messengers and visitors, hereby express our heartfelt thanks to the good people of Belmont for the royal entertainment they have given us while among them.

Brothers Nix, Fore and J. R. Bickerstoff were appointed as a committee to assist Bro. Gunthorp in his preparation for the ministry.

There being no other business, Association adjourned to meet at Highland next year.

#### List of Delegates

Belmont—O. L. Yarber, T. H. Dean, Preston Yarber, M. Arthur Shook.

Bethlehem—W. P. Gray, R. B. Gray, Tom Bryant.

Burnsville—Mrs. Maude King, Mrs. N. A. Elledge, Mrs. Mabel Montgomery, D. S. King.

Cotton Springs—Miss Jessie Milstead, Miss Maggie South, Mrs. C. C. Martin, Bud Milstead, John Perry, Miss Florence Perry, L. Perry.

East Port—A. H. Bacon, J. M. Carter, Robert Farris, J. M. Walker.

Forked Oak—L. M. Wigginston, C. A. Tennison, J. E. Rushing, John Fredrick.

Golden—A. P. Hale, J. N. Osborn, J. W. Harris,

Highland—G. G. Bickerstoff, F. M. Bland, W. W. Leatherwood, C. D. McRae, Miss Earl McRae, Miss Lillian Bickerstoff.

Iuka—D. A. Dugger, R. A. Woodley, Mrs. M. J. Grovette.

Jackson's Camp—J. A. McClang, T. L. McNutt, W. B. Carpenter.

Mt. Vernon—Miss Lara Glenn, Miss Mammie Myrick, Mrs. M. E. Glenn.

New Liberty—Henry Marlar, Mrs. Zella Marlar, Garvin Hall.

New Prospect—J. L. Hodge, Miss Maude Hodge, Miss Myrtle Russell.

Paden—Mrs. C. A. Timbs, O. B. Greene, Miss Altie South.

Red Bud—James Moore, B. D. Waddell, D. V. Sparks.

Tishomingo—J. B. McRae, Ollen Flurry, Mrs. J. O. Day, Miss Tinnie Barton.

Union—Willie Ham, L. A. Cain, W. P. Taylor.

### **Ministers**

J. R. G. Hewlett, W. M. Fare, A. M. Nix, L. P. Covington, A. J. Darling, W. H. Hamilton, J. F. Benson, J. O. Gunthrop.

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### **COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT YEAR**

Missions—Rev. A. M. Nix, A. G. Bryan, F. M. Bland.

Education—M. Arthur Shook, Mrs. W. R. Nettles, Miss Willie Leane Hiatt.

Social Service—Rev. W. M. Fore, J. C. Finger, Ellmer Locke.

Program—G. Guy Bickerstoff, Lee Hicks, Olen Fearig.

Associational Sermon—Rev. A. M. Nix; alternate, Rev. J. O. Gunthrop.

## OUR DEAD

Today, as we meet in happy reunion, our hearts are sad because of the vacant places made by the going home of some of our members.

We miss them but ask that other laborers put on the whole armor of God and (as Elisha took up the Mantle of Elijah, so must we assume the burdens laid down by our friends. May God grant us the strength and courage to carry-on until he calls us home.

### The Departed Are:

Belmont—Mrs. Rosa Cornelious, Mrs. E. D. Carr, Mrs. Mollie Hill.

Bethlehem—J. C. Montgomery.

Burnsville—Mrs. M. Trotter.

Forked Oak—J. R. McCutchen, Mrs. R. A. Tennison.

Highland—Mrs. Julia Bridges.

Iuka—Miss Mollie Moss, Richard Yarbrough.

Union—Rev. J. M. Harrison, W. M. Tolen, W. L. Brakefield.

## **REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICE**

Social Service in General—Social Service is applied Christianity. It is following the example of our Saviour "who went about doing good." It is exemplifying that pure and undefiled religion which visits the fatherless and widows in their afflictions. It is the process of putting into society the leaven of the Gospel by which Society must be purified.

Social Service is that part of our Baptist program which seeks to deal with crime, immorality, poverty, disease and everything that concerns Society as a whole.

Social problems must be met and mastered, not only by the Churches as such, but by our Christian citizenship, otherwise our whole Social and Christian fabric will fall into decay and we as a nation will pass from the earth and be numbered with the nations of the past who have forgotten God.

Christian citizens deal with these problems: (1) through preventive measures, sanitation, hygiene, law enforcement; (2) through corrective measures, prisons, asylums, reformatories, and (3) through relief measures, hospitals, orphanages, good-will centres, and care of old preachers, etc.

Every agency that seeks to deal with these problems along lines consistent with Baptist principles should have the hearty cooperation of our Churches.

Some such agencies not under Baptist direction are as follows:

### **1—Law Enforcement**

Aside from local machinery for law enforcement in every community, the agencies that should have the fullest sympathy of every Baptist in the prosecution of their work are the Anti-Saloon League and the Federal Prohibition enforcement officers. The work of these departments cannot be made effective except through the active cooperation of the churches. No community will have more moon-shining and bootlegging than is countenanced by the churches.

The Federal Prohibition Director acknowledges with gratitude the great help he has received from the Baptists of Mississippi and earnestly solicits their influence and continued cooperation with his department.

### **2—Public Health**

The work of the State Board of Health under D. W. S. Leathers is an agency whose splendid work should have the intelligent cooperation of our people. Your committee would

urge the pastors and churches to study the great work of this department and give to it every assistance possible.

### 3—Child Welfare

The Mississippi Children's Home Society located at Jackson. Rev. John L. Sutton, superintendent is the greatest single agency in the State for the care of dependent children. There are about 12,000 neglected and dependent children in the state. Helping to care for these children is our Christian duty and we urge our pastors and churches to give sympathetic aid to this Society.

## STATE SOCIAL SERVICE INSTITUTIONS

### 1—Mississippi Baptist Orphanage

More than one thousand children have been cared for and trained by our Baptist Orphanage and have gone out to take their places in Society. Less than one percent of this number has become a menace to society or made shipwrecks of life. During the year there has been an average of 170 children cared for. Their health has been good and progress has been made along all lines.

### 2—Mississippi Baptist Hospital

The past year has been the most important year in the development and growth in its history. It has a splendid staff of physicians, surgeons and specialists and is well equipped to care for all kinds of cases. 1671 patients have been treated since last report, 21 of whom were free.

### 3—Baptist Memorial Hospital

The work of the hospital has moved steadily forward. More space has been added and the volume of the work grows from year to year. 5388 patients were treated during the year, 468 in the charity department. Expenditures, \$531,282.62. Of this amount \$94,971.72 was expended for charity. Bonded indebtedness, on account of building is \$24,000.00. The payment of pledges to the 75 Million Campaign is depended upon to liquidate this indebtedness.

## SOUTHWIDE SOCIAL SERVICE INSTITUTIONS

### 1—Relief and Annuity Board.

The assets of this Board in May were, \$1,490,193.59. Last year more than 800 beneficiaries, 40 of whom were from Miss-



Mississippi, received of \$61,000.00. This is a gratifying increase over what was done in former years, yet new members are added monthly and the expenditures are increasing accordingly. We believe there is no more worthy cause than the relief of our aged preachers and their widows and urge our people to see that this solemn obligation is met in a way that will be gratifying to the Baptist as a denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. C. D. ADAMS,  
MISS LARA GLENN,  
A. G. W. BRYAN.

## **REPORT ON MISSIONS**

### **1. Missions Within the Association**

We have no regular associational missionary, but we have conducted four fifth Sunday meetings since our last annual meeting. These fifth Sunday programs have been helpful and inspiring, but your committee would urge that we take the consideration more seriously and see to it that we have a better representation from the churches in general to attend these fifth Sunday meetings.

### **2. Missions Within The State.**

At the meeting of our State Board last December the program for this year's work was laid out on an enlarged basis.

1. Church building and church extension support—The amount appropriated for church building purposes for this year is \$27,000. This aid goes to 49 churches—21 of these are town churches and 28 in the country.

2. Missionary pastoral support—The Board is helping to pay the salaries of 100 pastors. The number of churches represented is 153—of this number 68 are in town and 85 in the country.

3. Miscellaneous Mission Work.—The Board is helping to pay the salaries of four Indian pastors, and is supporting a missionary to the Creoles. In addition to the above the Board is assisting in mission work among the Negroes. Then the Board pays a part of the salaries of two religious workers in Good Will Center, Meridian; and also aids in paying the salary of a religious worker at Blue Mt. College, and also one at the Woman's College.

4. Enlistment Missionary Work.—The Board began the



year's work with six enlistment missionaries in the field. Three of these have resigned, but one new one has been secured.

Besides the enlistment missionaries we have one regular Colportage missionary in the field.

5. Sunday School Work.—Our S. S. missionaries make the following report: The workers have visited 170 churches, 173 diplomas have been issued for the completion of other books in the course. Fifteen city training schools have been held and fifty-one rural schools. Four weeks were given to the Negro colleges. We have about 250 more schools than last year. There have been 21 additions to the churches by letter and 51 by baptism as a result of the work of the S. S. missionaries.

6. B. Y. P. U. Work.—Mr. Auber J. Wilds, our B. Y. P. U. secretary, makes a fine report for the year in B. Y. P. U. work. Mississippi now has 700 B. Y. P. Us, 100 of these have been organized this year.

7. W. M. U. Work.—The W. M. U. have five definite aims which they propose to carry out in the accomplishment of their work, namely: Supplication, Stewardship, Study Service and Soul-Winning. The work has had steady growth under the leadership of our secretary, Miss Lackey and her assistants. There are now 1404 local organizations of which 771 are Women's Missionary societies and the other young peoples. Of the number of W. M. S. 88 are new, and of the Young peoples 161 are new.

8. The Baptist Record.—The Baptist Record is owned and controlled by our State Convention and is a mighty factor in our Kingdom work. The circulation of the paper now ranges around 10,000. The price of the paper is \$2.00, and since it may be had for \$1.50 on the condition that it be put in every family represented in the church, our churches could not do a better thing than to accept this offer. It will be a blessing to any church to put the paper in every home represented in its membership and it will prove a great aid to the Master's cause.

9. The Baptist Seventy-Five Million Campaign.—The receipts from the beginning of the campaign to date are: \$2,358,816.31. From August 1, 1922 to August 1, 1923 were \$449,036.04. The money has been distributed on the following percentage basis: Foreign missions 255 per cent; Home Missions 16 per cent; State missions 19 per cent; Ministerial Relief 14 per cent; Orphanage 3 per cent; Hospitals 53 per

cent; General objects 18 per cent; Southwide objects 4 per cent; Christian education 24 per cent.

### 3. Missions Beyond the State.

1. Home Missions.—The Home Mission Board made a great report to the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City last May. When the Convention met in that city 18 years ago, the Board receipts for the year were \$169,988.92. This year they were \$1,002,193.07. The Board reported that year 10,551 baptisms, this year 38,770. In 1905 the Board had no special department for Evangelism. Shortly after that time the department was organized and through it there have been 152, 846 converts baptized, 208,643 additions to the churches and 23,260 volunteers for the ministry or definite work.

Surely we have reason for abundant thanksgiving to God for his marvelous favors upon the work of our Home Mission Board. It is our one great Southwide missionary agency and has been the greatest single factor in helping to make the South a mighty Baptist empire.

While Southern Baptists have made mighty progress, there are greater needs and vaster opportunities at present than ever before in our history.

There are millions of lost souls we must reach and our people must be enlisted in all our denominational life and activities.

Our Home Mission Board is heavily in debt on account of the enlargement of the work and the falling off in receipts due largely to the deflation in prices in general.

Let us rally to the help of this great work and all our other interests as well.

2. Foreign Missions.—Our Foreign mission work grows. We have now 89 churches in sixteen lands; 211 or practically one-fourth of these churches are self supporting; 442 or one-half have their own houses of worship. In addition to the churches there are 2,896 out stations which give us a total of practically 4,000 stations where the word of God is preached regularly. Last year was the crowning year in baptisms, 12,611 were baptized which is 4,720 more than reported the year before. We have 103,328 members. These gave \$4.23 per capita last year. We have 796 schools which were attended last year by 32,789 scholars. This is about equal to the number of students in our Baptist schools in our Southland.

There were 1,447 Sunday schools, which had an enrollment of 67,407.

We have now 501 foreign missionaries and 2,820 native missionaries. This is almost twice as many foreign missionaries and almost four times as many native missionaries as we had in 119 at the beginning of the 75 Million Campaign.

The Board at its June meeting appointed forty-eight new missionaries who are being sent out this fall to their fields.

Your Committee,

P. H. WAKEFIELD,

A. M. NIX,

W. M. FORE.

### REPORT ON EDUCATION

The most powerful agencies of our denomination are our schools and colleges. Extensive and permanent conquests cannot be made for our Master without a trained leadership. A trained Baptist leadership is impossible without unadulterated Baptist colleges.

#### Mississippi Baptist Schools

1. Clarke College, H. T. McLaurin, President.—Clarke College is a co-educational Junior College. It is ideally and strategically located, being at Newton, in the heart of Mississippi. During the summer \$10,000.00 has been used renovating the buildings and providing new equipment. H. T. McLaurin, for many years enlistment man for that section, a man of ability, enthusiasm personality, tact and consecration is the new president of the college. He has gathered around him the strongest faculty in its history. The enrollment next session bids fair to reach the 200 mark.

2. Blue Mountain College, W. T. Lowery, President.—Blue Mountain College is now the only Baptist School in Mississippi which maintains a full four year high school course and a full four year college course. In order to standardize a college must either do away with its preparatory department or make it separate from the college department in faculty, study, discipline and buildings.

In accordance with the action of the Baptist Convention at Grenada in November 1922 Blue Mountain College has prepared to meet the conditions for being placed on the recommended list of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The college has just completed the first half century of

its history. The new department of Christianity and Social Relations, headed by Dr. E. B. Hatcher, is worthy of special note. There is no healthier section of the state than that where Blue Mountain College is located. President Lowery will be glad to send a copy of the Semi-Centennial catalog which will give you a fair knowledge of the past history and present condition of this great Baptist School. It was founded by Gen. M. T. Lowery, owned for forty-seven years by the Lowery and Berry families and has now happily passed under the ownership and management of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

3. Woman's College, J. L. Johnson, President.—The Mississippi Woman's College closed last May its 11th year. The dormitories were filled the entire year. The enrollment was a little over 500. The Bible and Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work was as fine as ever done. From the number of diplomas and seals given in the Bible and Sunday School work it is probable that it will be among the first three of the Southern Baptist Convention Schools in number. The Woman's College captured the banner at the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. State Convention at Columbus this year for the best college B. Y. P. U. Practically every girl in the school belongs to the Y. W. A. and we had the largest number of Mission Study Classes conducted by students that we have ever had.

The health of the student body could not have been better. The Woman's college is complying with the requirements of the State Department of Education to be placed upon the recommended list of colleges. This means that a graduate from this school will be eligible to teach in any public school of Mississippi. They are adding over 3,000 books to the library, giving them the required 5,000.

As a Baptist School supported by Baptists, the Woman's College is striving to give to its students a full knowledge of the principles for which Baptists stand and a close acquaintance with the denominational work of our state and Country.

4. Mississippi College, J. W. Provine, President.—The enrollment of 410 college students is the largest it ever had.

Through the generous and patriotic attitude of the convention and the untiring efforts of the secretary of the commission, the endowment of the college was increased to \$640,000.00

On account of the increase of the endowment the college was admitted to membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The faculty of 1924 will be the most outstanding in our long history.

Great improvements are being made and will be made during the session. Among them are handsome brick columns with lights on top, placed at the entrance to the campus. This is in honor of Battery E, 140th Field Artillery.

The outlook is as bright as we could hope for but we need and must have the sympathy and prayers of the Baptist hosts of our state and country.

### Southwide Institutions

Mississippi Baptists help to support and maintain three southwide institutions of learning. They are the Baptist Bible Institute located at New Orleans, La.; The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Fort Worth, Texas; and the Southern Baptist Seminary, at Louisville, Ky. Over one thousand of our choicest young men and young women were in these institutions last session preparing for definite Christian service at home and abroad.

### Hillman College

Hillman College is a Junior College for girls and the Baptist State Convention at Grenada placed its approval upon its work. Although it is not now owned and controlled by the Baptist denomination, it is a strong denominational asset and is worthy of our prayers and patronage.

### CONCLUSION

Baptists' position in the Christian army twenty years from now will largely depend upon the care which they take of their schools today. All of our institutions of learning in Mississippi are greatly in need of endowments and scholarships. We ought to have enough income from a permanent source to maintain unexcelled faculties and provide adequately for the prosecution of the work in the most efficient manner possible. We need scholarships to insure the education of all of our aspiring worthy poor boys and girls. By their sacrificial offerings, the entire educational history of Mississippi Baptists has been made glorious. May these continue to increase, but is it not time for some of our brethren who have been largely blessed with worldly possessions, to make some large gifts to



our colleges? They could not invest their money in any thing that would endure so long and yield so large dividends. May the Lord quite speedily open their eyes to the opportunity and quicken their hearts and minds to actions,

Fraternally,  
MRS. D. B. DELP,  
G. G. BICKERSTOFF,  
MRS. W. R. NETTLES.

### **RULES OF ORDER**

1. The Association will be opened with prayer.
2. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision, can appeal, provided the appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.
3. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as members, but not to vote, unless his vote be necessary to decide a question. If he arises to speak he must call some other brother to the chair.
4. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded, shall be opened for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has taken up a reasonable time allowed for its discussion, the Moderator shall take the ayes and if a call for a division be made, it shall be decided by the members arising.
5. Any member being desirous to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject, or make personal reflections.
6. No person shall speak more than once on the same subject until all who wish to speak shall have an opportunity nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.
7. Every question introduced for discussion shall be decided before another is offered, unless it be laid over, on motion, with the consent of the mover of the resolution.
8. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches where a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without sufficient cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority.
9. The names of the members shall be called whenever

the Association shall direct, and the names of absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of Moderator.

10. The appellation of Brother shall be used by members in addressing each other.

11. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to be reported by the Moderator, but only on the day that that breach shall have been made.

### COVENANT

1. We, as independent churches of Jesus Christ, do mutually covenant or unite our efforts and influence for the advancement of the cause of Jesus Christ, under the title of "The Tishomingo Baptist Association."

2. We agree to hold annual meetings to be composed of delegates chosen by the respective churches, bearing letters to be read at the opening of the meeting, showing their appointment and also showing the number received by baptism, by letter, by restoration, dismissed by letter, excluded or dead, together with the whole number in fellowship. Also average number of Sunday School pupils and number of conversions, amount contributed to the Association, State, Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, support of pastors, church expenses, church improvements and total expended and valuation church property.

3. We agree that every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates until they number one hundred members, then one additional for every fifty.

4. When any church shall fail to communicate with this body for three consecutive meetings, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us and will be dropped from the minutes unless two or more members request its continuance, and will also engage to inquire into its standing and to make report at the next annual meeting of the Association.

5. Our churches may be admitted into this Union by signifying their wish by letter and delegates, provided they be deemed scriptural.

6. We will elect a Moderator and Clerk by ballot at each annual meeting, as soon as the letters from the churches are read and the members' names enrolled; letters from petitionary churches being received, that their delegates may also have privilege of voting.

7. We disclaim the right to adopt rules that can, at any



time, infringe on the independence and rights of the churches. We may, however, advise churches when they request it, and will withdraw from such as become heretical in doctrine and disorderly in discipline.

8. We shall have an executive board composed of one member from each church, elected annually, and the Moderator and Clerk, whose duty it shall be to take charge of all the funds sent up by the churches, and dispose of the same as the churches may direct.

9. We will correspond with Sister Associations. Any member of this body whose name appears on our minutes is authorized to represent us in other religious bodies.

10. We will have our minutes read, corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session closes, and will not adjourn, except in extraordinary cases, until all the business is finished.

11. We will, while convenient, appoint the time and place for holding the next annual meeting of this body and elect a Brother to preach the Associational sermon. The Association may make such alterations and amendments to the Constitution as two-thirds may deem necessary.

12. Members of Executive Board shall be entitled to full membership in this body for the meeting next succeeding the one at which they are elected by this Association.

13. Ministers serving churches within this Association shall be entitled to full membership in this body.

### **ABSTRACT OF FAITH**

1. We believe in the only living and true God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2. We believe the Bible to be the Word of God, and it is our only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the total depravity of human nature, and that man is dead in trespass and sin.

4. We believe that salvation is the gift of God by grace, through faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ, and that sinners are justified in the sight of God alone by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, and which is unto all and with all them that believe.

5. We believe in the doctrine of election: that God has from the beginning, chosen us to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief in the truth.

6. We believe that the Holy Spirit accompanies the

Word of God in the salvation of man, in answer to prayers of Christians.

7. We believe in the final preservation of the saints, and that all who truly believe will be eternally saved.

8. We believe that baptism in immersion alone and that none but true believers are proper subjects of the ordinance; and that none but regularly baptised and ordained ministers have a right to administer it, and that it is a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper, and all who come to the Lord's table must come according to the Lord's word.

9. We believe a gospel church is a body of true believers in Christ, who have been regularly baptised upon a profession of their faith in Him and that there are but two officers in a church, viz: the Elder or Pastor and Deacon.

10. We believe it the duty of each church to extend and circulate the Word of God as far as their means will enable them.

11. We believe in the resurrection of all men, and in a future and general judgment; and that the happiness of the righteous and punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

Church	Clerk and Address	S. S. Sup't	S. S. Members	Pastor	Baptisms	Received by Letter	Statement	Dismissed by Letter	Died	Erasure or Expelled	Total Members
Belmont	M. Arthur Shook, Belmont.	R. L. Elledge	207	A. M. Nix	18	6		6	3	1	240
Bethlehem	R. B. Gray, Tishomingo				5			2	1		63
Burnsville	D. S. King, Burnsville	F. M. B. Stripling	74	W. C. Bryant	4	6		1	1	1	117
Cotton Springs	Miss J. Milstead, Dennis, R. I.	J. J. Percy	57		3	1		2			48
East Port	L. E. Robinson, Iuka	J. W. Walker	72	C. B. Gurley	19	1					79
Forked Oak	S. V. Tennyson, Paden								2		103
Golden	Mrs. Zella Patterson, Golden	J. W. Harris	53		3	1		1			70
Hickland	Miss Earl McRae, Dennis	J. R. Bickerstaff	153	A. M. Nix	39	13	2				131
Iuka	W. Felix Dugger, Iuka	J. J. Whitten	13	W. M. Fore	6	3		6	2	1	141
Jackson's Camp	W. B. Carpenter, Paden	George Stedhorn	40								81
Mt. Vernon	Miss Lora Glenn, Iuka	Miss Lora Glenn									14
New Liberty	Henry Marlar, Burnsville	Garvin Hall									106
New Prospect	I. D. Fairless, Iuka	J. M. Daniels									40
Paden	W. S. Stephens, Paden										55
Red Bud	D. B. Montgomery, Dennis										86
Tishomingo	J. O. Day, Tishomingo	Dien Flurry	81	A. M. Nix	11	2					32
Union	L. A. Cain, Belmont	Betty Cain			24	6		1	6	2	212
			971		135	12	3	35	11	5	1578

Churches not reporting: Cross Roads, Mt. Moriah, New Bethel, New Salem.

# FINANCIAL TABLE

Churches	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Incidentals	Building and Repairs	Ministerial Help	Help for Local Poor	Literature for S. S. and B. Y. P. U.	Other Objects	\$75,000.00 Campaign	Missions and Orphanage	Other Benevolences	Minute Fund	Total Contributions For all Causes	Value Church Properties
Belmont	\$ 750.00		\$ 96.50	\$ 715.00	\$107.50		\$ 86.00	\$ 28.70	\$ 326.00	\$ 97.06		\$ 5.00	\$2,199.86	\$ 6,000.00
Bethlehem					28.50					2.00		2.00	32.50	500.00
Burnsville	200.00			65.00	64.00	31.00		20.75	123.00	25.00		1.25	571.70	1,000.00
Cotton Springs	50.00			16.00		50.00	3.00					3.00	121.00	500.00
East Port	167.65				21.00		12.20	3.00				2.00	216.85	1,000.00
Forked Oak												2.00		
Golden	124.65		1.00		21.00		11.41		5.00			2.65	172.70	500.00
Hillbush	232.25					6.00	41.75		12.90			4.75	296.95	500.00
Juka	975.00		23.77	133.45	231.00		150.71	8.50	65.60			6.50	2,580.55	11,500.00
Jackson's Camp	36.00				2.00		3.00			1.00		1.40	44.40	500.00
Mc Vernon	51.50			50.00			1.50		13.85			1.50	123.85	1,050.00
New Liberty	125.00			55.00		50.00	5.06					3.00	246.46	1,000.00
New Prospect	60.00			50.00			8.50			2.00		1.75	133.35	300.00
Paden	125.00	45.20			5.54							1.00	171.20	2,500.00
Red Bud	98.00				32.70				45.00			3.50	229.00	
Tishomingo	360.00		15.00		65.00		25.00					4.00	469.00	
Union	150.00				33.50							1.75	184.25	1,200.00
TOTALS	\$3,505.06	\$45,203.36	\$37,511.08	\$3,567.14	\$137.00	\$718.17	\$ 70.45	\$1,389.15	\$127.06	\$ 5.54	\$47.05	\$7,792.80	\$27,050.00	

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